



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – Support for Bill 3

Dear Chair Menor, Vice Chair Anderson, and members:

Bill 3 would eliminate the use of the one-half percent general excise and use tax surcharge for operating costs of public transportation within the City and County of Honolulu, eliminate the deadline and dollar amount cap for monies collected under the one-half percent general excise and use tax surcharge, and add additional requirements to HART's annual report to the Mayor and Council.

We believe that the introduction of Bill 3 is a step in the right direction to allowing the City & County of Honolulu to fully fund the construction of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project from West Kapolei to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and commend the Council for their willingness to introduce this bill at this critical time.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.

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